

A.P Introduction Paragraph Format

There are four essential components of an introduction Paragraph. The following are examples of basic suggestions for each component and should be adopted to enhance ones response to a specific prompt. (Use terms given in the prompt).

- 1) Analyse the social, political, and economic impact of the “Colombian Exchange” on Europe.

Global Statement: (Eventually should be more than one sentence) Broad hard to refute, relating to the subject from the prompt.

Trade and exchange of good and ideas have been present throughout the history of human civilization. It was the driving force that led Europeans to seek out new trade routes to East Asia in the 15th and 16th centuries.

Narrowing Statement: (This is an opportunity to throw as much outside information in to show the reader you know what your talking about) Bring the reader toward the specifics of the prompt and your thesis.

The desire of the Spanish monarch, Isabel and Ferdinand, to compete with profitable Portuguese routes to Asia, leads them to finance the 1492 expedition of Columbus in search of new trade routes which avoided the Ottoman Turkish Empire by traveling west. The result of this endeavor was not the desired trade route to Asia, but the unexpected discovery of multiple human civilizations in an uncharted continent which lead to unprecedented human diffusion.

Thesis statement :(your opinion pertaining to the prompt, be decisive, take a stance that you can support with historical evidence, think level three questions)

This diffusion, known as the “Colombian Exchange”, influenced European History like no other. It completely change the position of the Catholic Church with questioning the validity of the Bible and the Churches role in society, due to encounters with unrecorded human civilizations and animals. The exploration and destruction of American civilizations led to accumulation of massive amounts of gold and silver by Spain, which lead to other European nations emulating them in order to complete in the mercantile system. This competition included the embracing and profiting from new intercontinental slave trade based on race. The wealth accumulated by Europeans assisted in the establishment of absolutism in France with the Bourbons, in England with the Tudors and in The Holy Roman Empire and Spain with the Habsburgs

Outline statement: (create specific categories for analysis, these will be the topics of your body paragraphs)

The “Colombian Exchange” impacted European history in unprecedented way socially by challenging the religious foundations, politically by questioning as well as shifting authority in Europe and economically with the expansion of mercantilism.